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COMMERCIAL WAR LIKELY

SANTIAGO CHILE, Nov., 7—Chilean business men are much concerned over the prospects of a commercial war in South America at the conclusion of the present conflict and have petitioned the national government to adopt protective measures which will prevent "dumping" in Chilean markets.

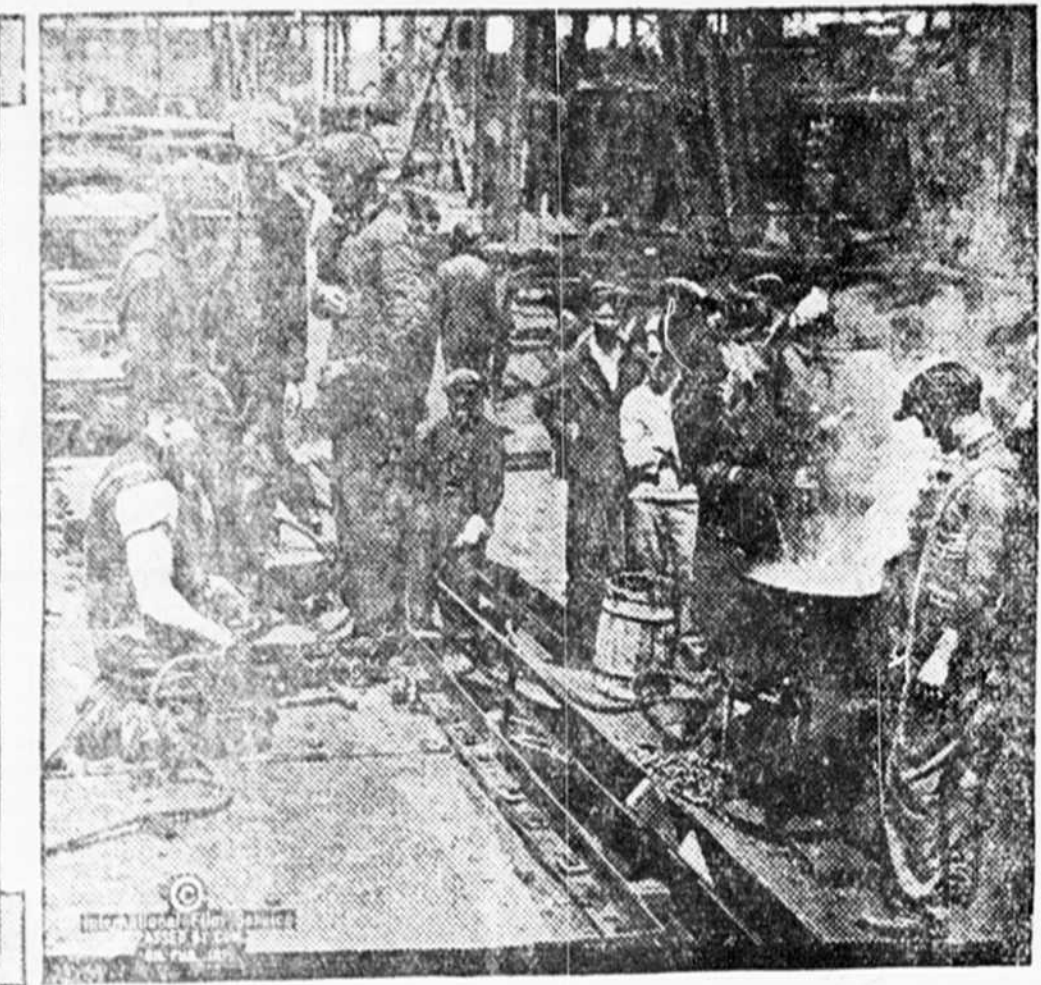
The petition was made by the Camara Industrial de Chile which corresponds to industries as chambers of commerce do to commerce. The camara asserts in its petition that Chilean manufacturers will have to use high priced labor and imported raw materials and will be unable to compete against "dumping" methods which had begun to be a menace to Chilean industries even before the war.

The chamber informs the government that the coming commercial war will be carried on by the big manufacturing nations by fixing export prices so low that even after freight and expense are paid, the goods can be sold in Chile and other South American republics at what they cost to manufacture, while high prices at home will compensate for the loss. Such methods, asserts the chamber, will ruin Chilean industries.

The chamber has suggested that the government adopt the method which it says has been tried in Canada and New Zealand whereby a surtax above normal tariff duties is imposed on all goods based on the difference between the price quoted for the imported goods and the sale price of the same goods in the country of origin.

The suggestion of the Chilean chamber is receiving widespread newspaper comment in all the other South American republics, where it is being urged that the example be followed.

RIVETING GANG CLAIMS THE U. S. RECORD



The remarkable precedent set by the builders of the Tuckahoe has stimulated a general spirit of competition in the shipyards of the country. Riveting gangs are everywhere being encouraged by bonuses and by their own zeal to make record marks. This riveting gang of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, Fore River shipyards, Quincy, Mass., claims the United States record for riveting, having driven 2,805 rivets in nine hours.

EPICRAPHS IN ROCKS OF ROUND

VALLEY MAY PROVE MANY THINGS

BISHOP CAL., Nov., 7—Amateur archeologists of this section are endeavoring to interest professional scientists of the east in the epigraphs which abound on the rocks of Round Valley, not far from this city, and which are believed to be as old, if not older, than the hieroglyphics of earliest Egypt, to which they bear a strange resemblance.

It is believed by many that the strange markings constituted the means by which ancient tribes marked the source of water supply for the benefit of those of their number who lived roving lives.

These hieroglyphics have never been deciphered, although they are matters of record in the leading museums of the country, it is said. The Indian tribe now living in this vicinity declares they are not the work of the Indians of North America and that they antedate all aboriginal lore.

Some who have examined the strange markings in the flinty boulders say the hieroglyphics closely resemble those of earliest Egypt and may replace the matter as the first written language of humanity.

They are found always in the vicinity of water supplies, the same markings discovered near Bishop appearing also on rocks extending through the Canadian border down through Washington, Oregon and California, to the Mexican line and beyond. This fact, it is argued, indicates that prehistoric tribes marked a highway for their migrating members or for their armies, giving specific directions as to the best water supplies along the way.

BOYS INCREASE IN CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov., 7—A notable instance of increase in the percentage of boys in births in the last few months reported from Blythe, California, and the nearby Palo Verde Valley.

According to Dr. W. J. Chapman, health officer of Blythe, five times as many boys as girls have been born in this section in the last two months. He declares the children are unusually large and well developed.

Reports of increases in percentage of male births have come from many sections since the United States entered the war but none so marked as this.

NEW ARMY SLANG.

CAMP KEARNY, SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov., 7—Two new bits of army slang have come into use here. The latest one is "richochet officer". A "richochet officer" has nothing to do with the artillery range, it was explained, neither does he attempt to restrain glancing rifle bullets on the small arms target ranges. He merely "richochets" from one job to another within the camp, "pinch hitting" wherever the need for officers may exceed the supply, or serving in such temporary organizations as the casual company or recruit receiving battalion.

The other term is "Pistol Pete" and it is applied to any "hardboiled guy" who is unapproachable, belligerent, a martinet or unduly strict with his men.

FORTY SEVEN UTAH TOWNS ARE TO HAVE THEIR NAME CHANGED SOON.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Nov., 7—There are 47 Utah towns whose names are neither duplicated or triplicated, became known here recently when the secretary of State, Harden Bennion, announced official action would soon be taken to give every Utah town an individual name. There are four towns named central and three towns named King.

The similarity of names has caused much confusion, according to Mr Bennion, who says this changing of the names of the towns will have to be accomplished through appeal and persuasion.

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